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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A conveying apparatus ~~of the invention~~ is provided with a rotary disc portion (2) with a suction means which forms a slit (17) on an outer peripheral surface and sucks through the slit (17) so as to convey a conveyed article in a state of holding the conveyed article (11) by suction to both sides of the slit (17), and a linear conveying portion (8) with a suction means which sucks the conveyed article (11) riding over a pair of parallel conveying belts (52) through a gap between the conveying belts (52) so as to convey the conveyed article (11) in a state of holding the conveyed article by suction to the conveying belt (52), and has one end opposing to the outer peripheral surface of the rotary disc portion (2) so as to be capable of transfer the conveyed article (11). ~~In accordance with the~~ The conveying apparatus of the invention, the inspecting apparatus and an aligning and supplying apparatus ~~can execute~~ allow for execution of a side surface inspection of a small article stably without requiring a lot of space.

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